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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for whole turkeys steady to weak with toms in the weakest position. Demand and trading inactive. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Parts and bulk meats trading light to moderate. The East Coast continues to experience scheduling delays due to adverse winter weather conditions.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand fairly good. Trading generally active on tom drums going Asia, Mexico, and Russia. Frozen thigh trading light to moderate for Mexico and the balance of items slow at best. Offerings adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 27, 2000**

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN. 28, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50 **	60.50 **	57.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.70 **	59.00 **	57.00 **
WESTERN REGION	60.50 **	60.50 **	58.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.70 **	59.50 **	58.50
CENTRAL REGION	57.70 **	58.00 **	57.00 **
WESTERN REGION	58.70 **	59.50 **	58.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 31-JAN-00

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BREEDRS			AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD—	WT		
N EAST	1,065	26	22.67	(A)	(A)	1,142	21.96
S ATL	752	58	31.69	(A)	(A)	792	31.22
N CENT	2,396	69	30.12	(A)	(A)	2,398	30.14
S CENT	669	18	22.51	NONE	NONE	669	22.51
WEST	176	-27	22.35	(A)	(A)	189	22.68
U.S.TOTAL	5,058(B)	5	27.51	61	71	5,190	27.25

TO DATE

2000 8,605(B) 61 91 8,757

TO DATE

1999 8,831(B) 0 33 8,864

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0
for the year 2,000; last year to date 26,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-00

	YOUNG	YOUNG	OLD	
	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,058	0	71	5,190
AVG WT	27.51	0.00	25.07	27.25
LAST WEEK	3,545	2	20	3,567
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,230	5	21	4,256
AVG WT	25.25(B)	26.20	30.71	25.28
TO-DATE/2000	8,603(B)	2	91	8,757
TO-DATE/1999	8,805(B)	26	33	8,864

(B) Includes 61 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 15-Jan-00

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 176 HD, 3,934 LBS,
TO DATE 416 HD, 10,309 LBS; OLD 13 HD, TO DATE 25 HD;
TOTAL 201 HD, TO DATE 453 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER 415,761*

JANUARY 1-15, 2000 190,353*

To date 2000 190,353*

To date 1999 187,996*

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 JANUARY 2000.

Undertone unsettled on frozen thigh meat ranging from barely steady to fully steady, barely steady at best on tom full-cut wings and tom necks and steady to weak on 2-joint wings. Fresh tom breast meat inquiry light to good, mostly fair to good and light to fair on the balance of items. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins available with some noting offers at lower trending price levels. Frozen thigh meat offerings mixed ranging from light to ample and 2-joint wings adequate to instances burdensome. Fresh wing meat (2 loads) 48-51, ground breast trim (2 loads) 106 cents delivered. For export: hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car) 31, tom defatted gizzards (3 containers) 77-79 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.10	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.04	114
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	145.00		145.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.50-147.00		144.28	360
THIGH MEAT	63.00		63.00	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00-109.00		108.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	135.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	134.00-135.00		134.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	49.00	12
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.25	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.25		20.67	472
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	208
TAILS	17.50		17.50	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50-16.50		15.50	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-66.50		60.11	438

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 JANUARY 2000.

Undertone steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat with increased confidence noted in the market on fresh tom breast meat. Dark meat undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums and mixed on thigh meat. Undertone barely steady to weak on 4-8 lb. breasts and mechanically separated turkey. Demand fair to good on tom breast meat with the best interest noted on fresh, good on drums and fair to good on thigh meat for export, balance light to instances fair. Trading heavy on tom drums for export, fair on frozen tom breast meat and light on the balance of items. Offerings mixed and held with varying degrees of confidence. For export: hen and tom necks (1 mixed rail-car) 15, tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 65 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	103.00	40	103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	100.00	7	101.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	19.00	9	19.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.50		19.50	40	21.86	70
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	26.10	49	27.23	144
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	14.04	114	14.18	157
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	400	147.50	800
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	80	143.25	750
THIGH MEAT	60.00-65.00		62.50	80	62.64	110
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-63.00		62.13	230	62.33	270
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	108.00	60	108.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00-66.00		64.31	71	64.31	71
TENDERLOINS	114.00		114.00	80	114.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	135.00	80	135.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	134.00-135.00		134.86	141	134.95	191
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	49.00	12	49.00	12
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50-15.00		14.25	80	14.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.82	110	14.48	310
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-21.00		19.81	1,816	19.99	2,568
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104	20.67	312
TAILS		R	17.50	184	17.50	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	52	15.50	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-66.00		63.29	280	61.10	878

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